7 July 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [redacted] A
and
Mr. [redacted] A

SUBJECT: "Brainwashing"

1. For your information I have now been briefed on the various Agency interests subsumed under the word "brainwashing". This was made necessary because of the responsibility of this office to represent CIA in research matters with the [redacted] both in the context of [redacted] and the [redacted]. H

2. Specifically we are now being consulted by the [redacted] H on a [redacted] proposal for research on "Study of the Nature of Brainwashing and the Methods Necessary to Build Resistance to It". I have made arrangements to work with the Agency offices concerned in preparing a reply to the [redacted]. These arrangements have been made very carefully due to the extreme sensitivity surrounding our interest in this subject. H

3. The [redacted] committee on POWs and its secretariat have various officers of [redacted] assigned in immediate support of its work. Research support is provided by [redacted]. H

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